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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein, mailed 18 July 2005, time for response to which was set to expire 18 October 2006. A petition for an extension of time of three (3) months until 18 January 2006 is attached hereto, along with the required fee. Claims 1-22 were rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.